Guiding Questions: Evidence and Standards

**Directions**: Use the following guiding questions to help you align your evaluation design to the desired tiers of evidence and standards.

| Questions | Notes |
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| What types of claims do you hope to make from the evaluation? |  |
| What tier of evidence is needed to understand whether the program is working as intended? |  |
| What tier of evidence is needed to satisfy stakeholders? |  |
| Does this approach align with local priorities and community values? |  |
| Are there adequate staffing, data systems, and administration to pursue a given tier of evidence? |  |
| What is the time frame of your evaluation? |  |
| What level of statistical expertise does your team have? |  |
| Do you have funds to hire an external evaluator? |  |
| Is random assignment feasible? |  |
| Is there a minimum tier of evidence required to meet funding requirements (for example, section 1003 funds, school improvement plans, or other grants)? |  |

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